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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I noted with interest the meeting held by the President and yourself with General Roberto Viola, the president-designate of Argentina. I certainly share the hope that relations between our countries can be improved with due attention to human rights issues as well as our mutual security interests.

In this regard, I am extremely concerned over the fate of Mr. Rafael Rey, who remains, to the best of my knowledge, imprisoned even though the Argentine courts have ordered him freed. Mr. Rey's family now lives in Israel. Mr. Rey wants nothing more than to join them.

Last year, 38 members of the House joined me in a letter to Ambassador Espil expressing our interest and concern in his case. I received only a pro forma reply.

Any assistance you could now provide on Mr. Rey's behalf, given this new opportunity between our two countries, would be especially welcome. I hope you will raise this matter with the Argentine government. Please advise me of your actions in this matter.

With appreciation for your consideration, I am

Sincerely,

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